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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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4. (amended) A pipe coupling assembly in accordance with Claim 3 wherein each said bolt comprises a spherical bearing at each end, said spherical bearings sized to mate with a bolt bore seat.

Remarks

The Office Action dated April 24, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 4, and 7-11 stand rejected. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 12-20 are allowed.